

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 4, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Pastor Al Royal, Kathy Sutton, James Veirs, Captain William Tyler, Holly Johnson, Aaron DeLaRoche, Pat Law, Michael Garcia, David Tolli, Jean Keating, Jennifer Kertanis, Kerry Kielbasa, Jeffrey Rackliff, Bill Smith

**ABSENT:** Deborah Lindsey-Lombardi, Wende Cooper, Barbara Kei, Stephen Kei, Anne Marie Cox

Pastor Al Royal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Jennifer Kertanis, seconded by Holly Johnson, the council approved the minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting as written. (Unanimous)

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Governance:**

**No Report**

**Events:**

**No Report**

**Marketing**

**No Report**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Pastor Al said going forward he would like to see “name plates” for each board member. Continued conversation regarding the Three Core Competencies. Pastor Al handed out the information that was collected from the last meeting. An open discussion took place and he was looking for the “owners” of a few of the comments that had been posted. A couple of suggestions were raised regarding activities for youths to get involved in. David Tolli spoke with GCTV about training some youth – they will do that but for a fee. Holly Johnson said that Cox television does free training – it’s one of the things they need to do in order to keep their license. It was asked if the GPC wants to work with an agency (and pay) or does the GPC want to “hire” the agencies (i.e. Michael Garcia – YMCA).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor Al asked how the GPC would like to operate as a sector model. He gave the following suggestions:

- Committee Focused
- HUB Focused
- Sector Focused
- General Coalition Focused\*

\*this is the model that the GPC has been following

Michael Garcia stated that his boss is asking “what” is being accomplished by him at these meetings? Could a part-time employee come in his place and report back or is there a value added benefit to him being here.

Holly Johnson voiced that she didn’t think that the HUB focused model would work. Jennifer Kertanis disagreed – thinks that each “model” could be used depending on the sector they are being used for/in.

Jim Veirs asked about the Grant Application and feels that is each member had a copy, that would give the group some direction.

Kerry Kielbasa said the group needs to look back at the successes there have been and the events that have been accomplished. For example – the survey involved many sectors working together (school, community fund).

Kathy Sutton would like to see the 100 day plan approach used to develop assets. Jeffrey Rackliff said we need to go to other people or do it ourselves. Michael Garcia would like to see involving several sectors to do an event. Aaron DeLaRoche suggested having a focus group at Starbucks, for example, and have something free to offer as an incentive to attend (i.e. small coffee). Pastor Al said that there are a number of resources outside of our group. Maybe have a parents dialogue night. Try and figure out how to make parents attend. Michael Garcia has offered to lead a focus group with the kids from YAC! (which will consist of a male and female student from 9-12 grade).

Kathy Sutton said that the kids that are involved in these groups aren’t the ones the GPC is trying to reach. Holly Johnson pointed out that even though someone may be a star athlete or be on high honors, it doesn’t mean they don’t engage in risky behaviors.

Jim Veirs raised a motion, seconded by Pastor Al and approved by the group, to have Michael move forward to a focus group with the YAC! Kids. Kerry Kielbasa will get this scheduled. Michael will do two focus groups and present the results in January.

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Kathy Sutton will contact the PLC kids to see if they would participate in a focus group. This group will consist mostly of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Jeffrey Rackliff and Aaron DeLaRoche are going to rally some kids as well.

Looking to get all voices involved.

Pastor Al raised a motion, seconded by Jennifer Kertanis that he wants to get everyone a copy of the Grant Application. All approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Jim Veirs, seconded by Michael Garcia the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m. (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder  
Recording Secretary